

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace paragraph [0028] as published in US 2004/0230063 A1 with the following amended paragraph. This paragraph, in the originally submitted specification, began immediately following the chemical structure in the paragraph numbered [0017], on page 6.

[0028] and cyclization of the ketal with 4-carboxamidophenylhydrazine. The detailed conditions for the processes of preparing Frovatriptan are known in the art, such as the methods described in U.S. Pat. No. [[5,618,847]] 5,618,947, the entire content of which is herein incorporated by reference. For example, the desired ketal may be prepared by a reaction of the monoketal with methylamine. This reaction may be effected in a suitable solvent, for example a hydrocarbon such as benzene or toluene in the presence of titanium tetrachloride or suitable molecular sieves e.g. 4 Å molecular sieves, to give the corresponding iminoketal derivative which may then be converted to an alkylamino compound by catalytic hydrogenation using, for example, palladium on carbon. Alternatively the reaction may be effected in a solvent such as an alcohol, e.g. ethanol and the mixture hydrogenated directly, using, e.g., palladium on charcoal, to give the ketal compound.